GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN CARGO HANDLING
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cargo handling in international and domestic sectors has been showing a declining trend;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly the cargo handling from Mumbai Airport during the last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase cargo handling?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)
(a) :- No, Sir.
(b) :- At Mumbai Airport during the year 2000-2001, there has been increase of 1.44% and 13.23% in international and domestic cargo traffic handled respectively over 1999-2000. However in the year 2001-2002, there was a drop of 5.68% and 1.29% in international and domestic cargo respectively as compared to 2000-2001. During the period April, 2002 to January, 2003, international and domestic cargo traffic have shown growth of 11.9% and 12.1% respectively as compared to corresponding period of last year 2001-2002.
(c) :- For augmenting / modernising the cargo handling facilities at the airports for faster clearance of cargo matching with growth of cargo, Electronic Data Interchange(EDI) and Integrated Cargo Management System (ICMS) has been introduced at Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata. At Mumbai airport, Airports Authority of India and Air India have started running Parallel Cargo Terminal functions w.e.f. 3.11.2002. The State-of-the-Art centres for perishable cargo at Mumbai has been constructed and inaugurated on 21.3.2003. An area measuring 2500 sqm has been added for storage of 1690 Metric Tonne cargo for smooth handling of Import cargo in New Heavy shed at Mumbai airport.